

# Considerations of Indigenous Research Priorities in Developing the Guide to the Indigenous Materials at the American Philosophical Society

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# Intro to American Philosophical Society

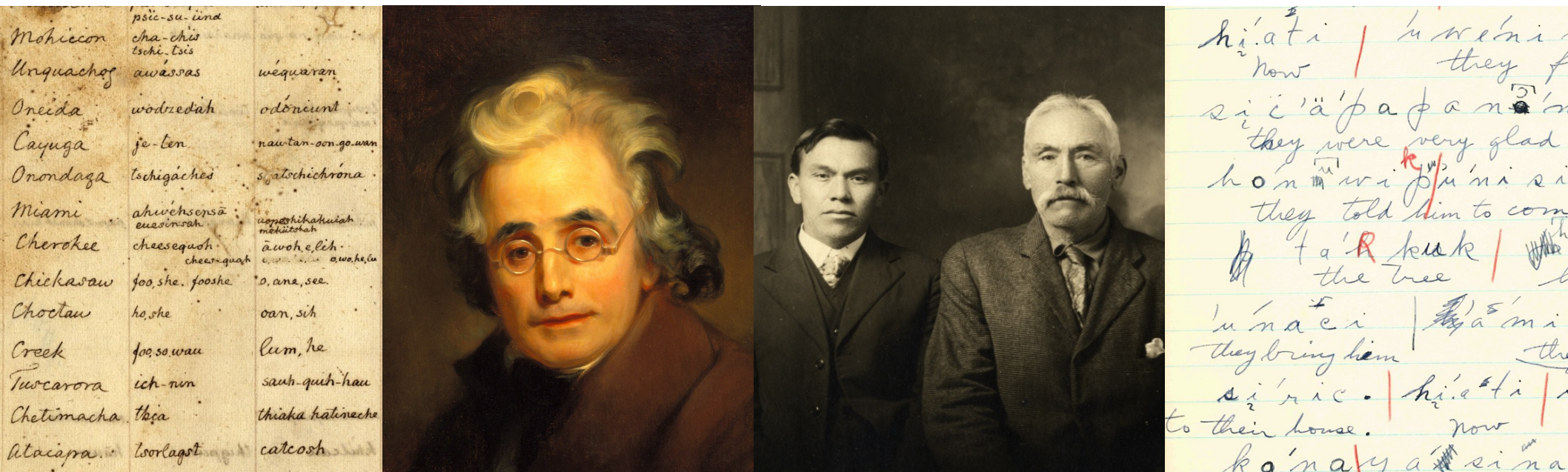
- Located in Philadelphia, PA
- Founded 1743 to “promote useful knowledge”



- Offer fellowships and research grants
- Collection areas: Indigenous (primarily North American) research, history of science, colonial US history



# Intro to American Philosophical Society



Jefferson -> Du Ponceau -> Boas and colleagues -> students' students' students' ...



# Uacnim avuk rij theologi aindoz vbinaam nima

etamabal vteihoxie. Dios nimahau. Dealahobiacixie  
goheic ronohel ubandz D. n. Vefutuni axie noiputk rono  
hel. Nimabijz. gochupam vghabal D. Chahauaxie Cheta  
maxie. rumal vtilahz Vinak. Christianos. Vgoheic Chupā  
gi theghabal toibamui

**C** Vaegaztabal vachz gaztabal pu gux. Chire vtilahz Vinak  
ilol vuk taol pureloelatz bijz. gochupam ri nima vuk  
**C** Chitac Chiratz Chiloex naiputk Chiratz rij etamabal Chū  
atz vleuk. Yxruagahol Yxnumil Chiyachiguxlal Chiyana  
yputk Chiray bal. Chiratz retamaxie. D. n. Xaloe xeremim  
Chuachz vleu. etamabalre D. n. rug naiputk retamaxie vba  
noh. Ahnim ahloechi Vinak. Chitaonic Chiguxlame. Chilocon  
naiputk. Vbi. D. n. rumal gut kitiz Chahauaxie. Chilochochi  
rachz Chigux. Dealahobiacixie vghabal D. vgolem D. n. oxloe  
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puqi Chedvinak quixutahz axie. loemahtatz Chue vghabal  
D. n. Canuti qumbaubixie Chue vacamic. Areta chi gaztahz  
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- 1900+ linear feet of manuscripts and visual materials
- dating from 1553 – 2019
- relating to over 650 indigenous cultures of the Americas
- 3400+ hrs. of audio in 165 languages



# Center for Native American and Indigenous Research

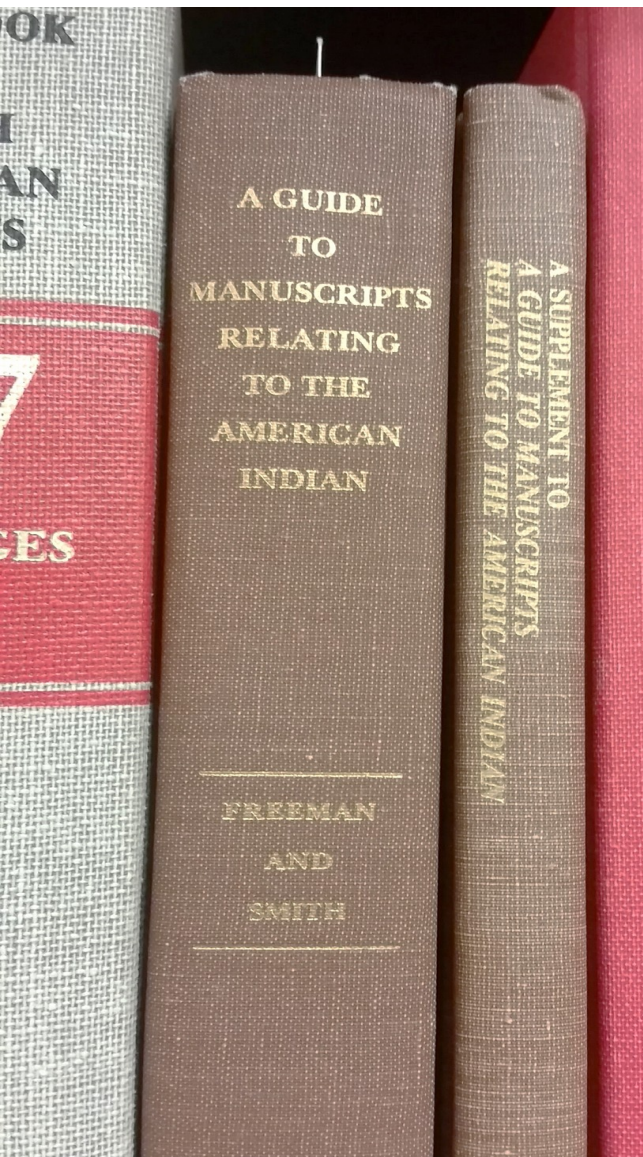
- Completion of Indigenous audio digitization projects
- Protocols for Treatment of Indigenous Materials
- Guidance from communities of origin
- Collaboration with over 60 communities
- Digital (and sometimes physical) copies of materials to cultural centers, archives, language programs, and schools, free of charge
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Native American Scholars (NASI) Initiative fellowships







# Previous versions of Guide



## American Indian Manuscripts at the American Philosophical Society

This guide is a comprehensive index of manuscript holdings pertaining to American Philosophical Society through 1982. It includes the complete text of *Manuscripts Relating to the American Indian* (1966) and Daythal Kendall's *Supplement to the American Indian* (1982). Finding aids for more recently acquired collections of APS manuscript collections.

**GUIDE TO USAGE:** Tribes and subjects are arranged alphabetically on the top menu. The guide is concluded with a bracketed number that refers to a manuscript collection. The "Index" section of menu. To perform a full-text search across the entire guide,

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John Freeman,  
Murphy D. Smith,  
Daythal Kendall

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Original: John F. Freeman & Murphy D. Smith (1965)

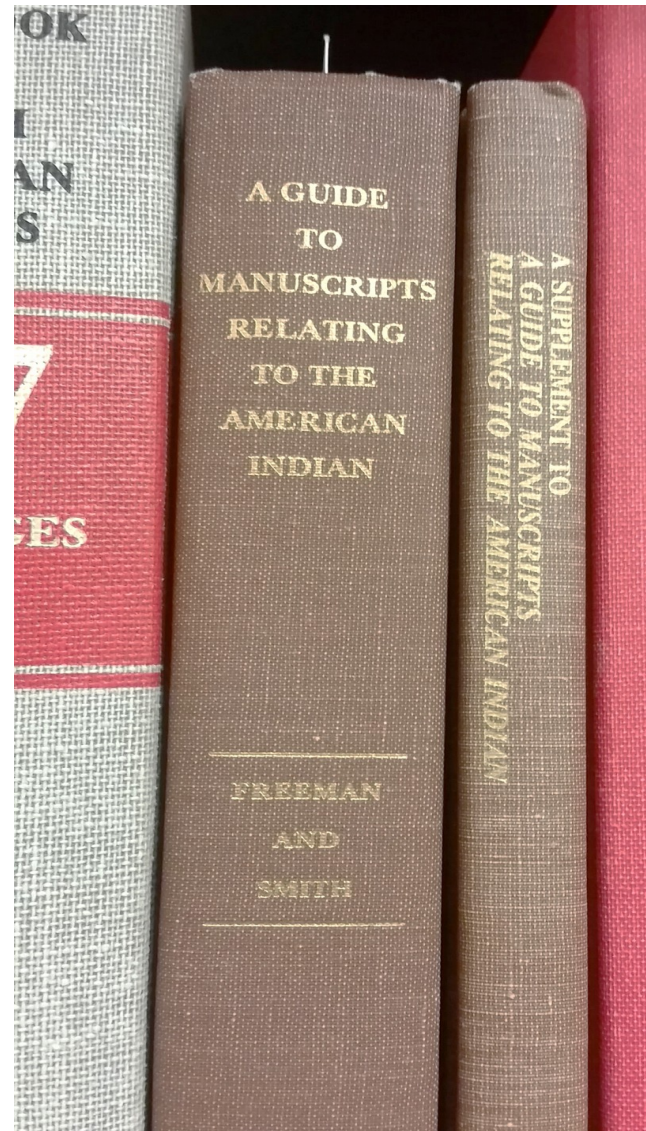
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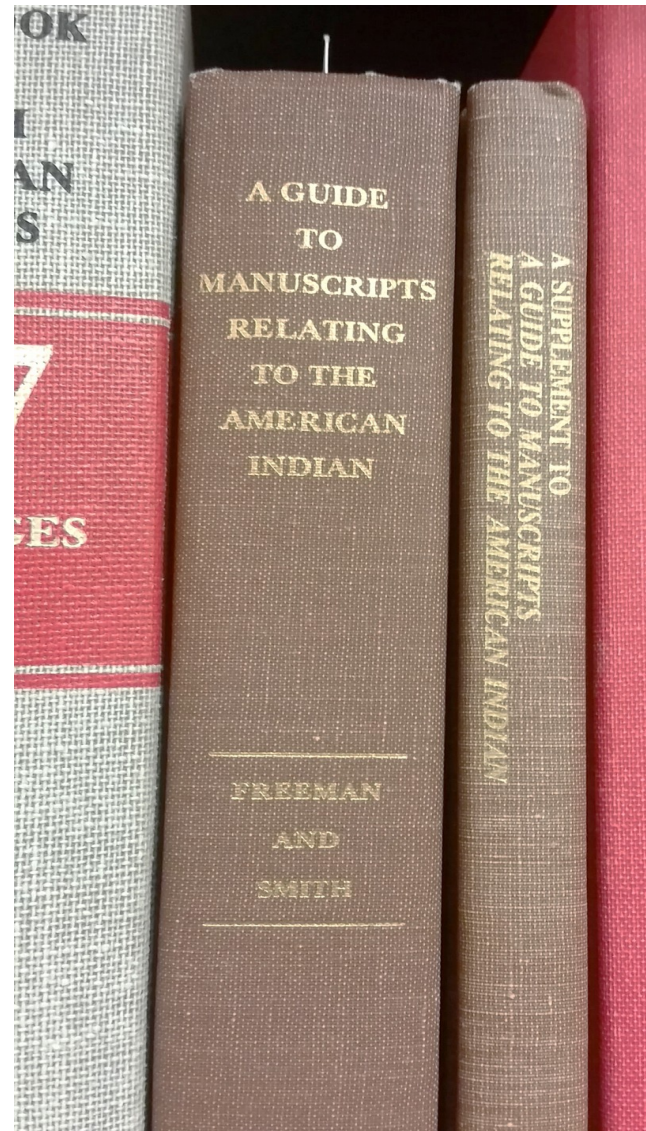
# Since then ...

- Volume of material tripled
- Original guides still frequently referenced
- Large increase in reference requests



# Issues with guide entries

- Inconsistent coverage of entries





2545. SCHOOLCRAFT, HENRY R. Re-  
ceipted bill to the United States [Nov.  
16, 1830]. A.D.S. 1p.

Bill of \$300 for translating and preparing  
a vocabulary of the Algic, pursuant to the  
request of Mr. Barber [i.e., James Barbour,  
Secretary of War], June 16, 1824; also, for bio-  
graphical sketches of chiefs in Indian office  
following letter of Oct. 20, 1829. Note at  
side lists months, 1826-1829, when School-  
craft worked on these projects. [9]

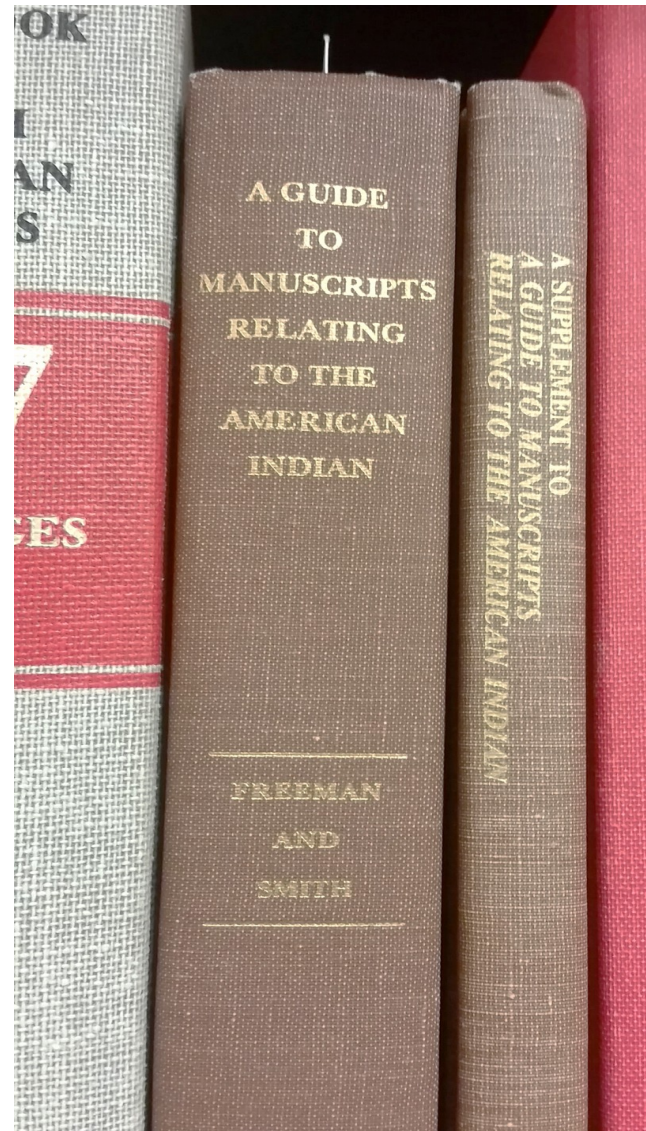
2060. SAPIR, EDWARD. Correspondence with Franz Boas [1905-1934]. L. 598 items.

Generally concerning American Indian linguistics and professional affairs in anthropology. Special discussion of Wasco, Pawnee, Nahua, Ute, Paiute, Wyandot, Mohawk; relationship of Wishosk and Algonquian, Salish and Wakashan, Haida, Tlingit and Athabaskan. Includes a report on phonetic transcription, 1913; and various papers pertaining to the American Council of Learned Societies' Committee on American Native Languages.



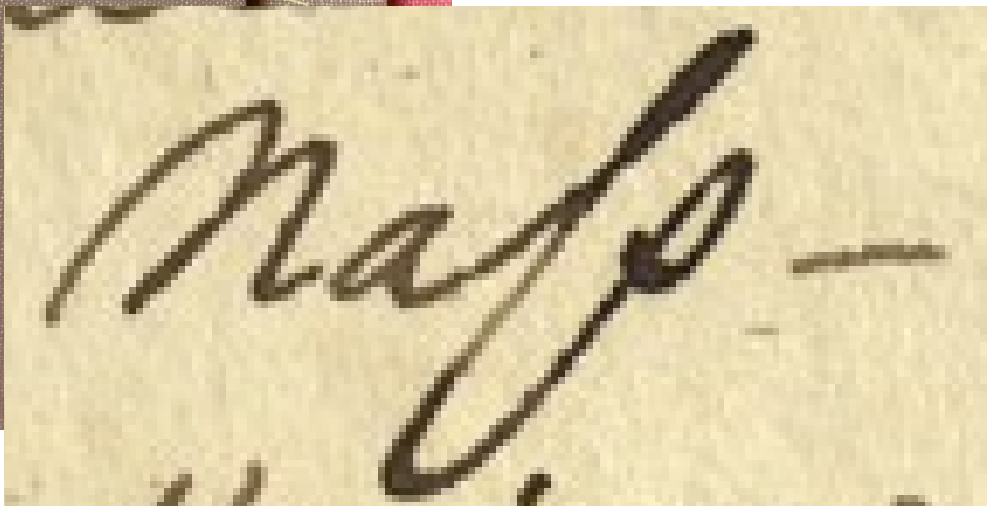
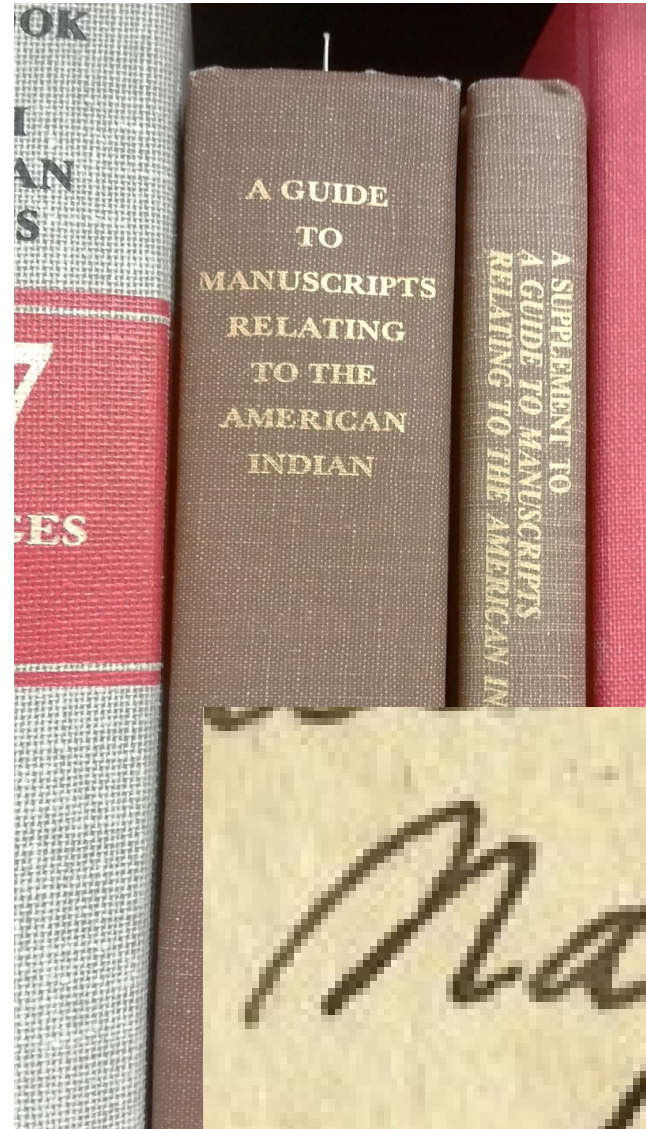
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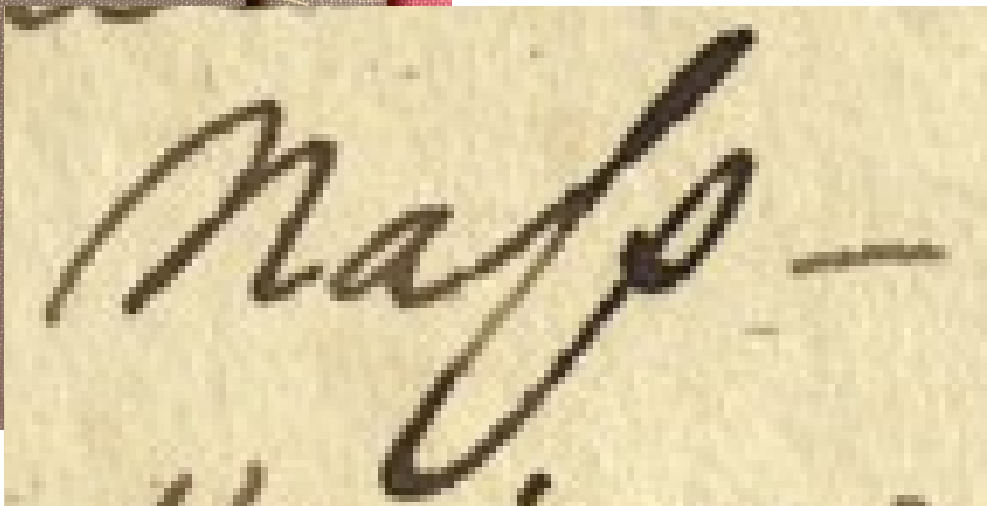
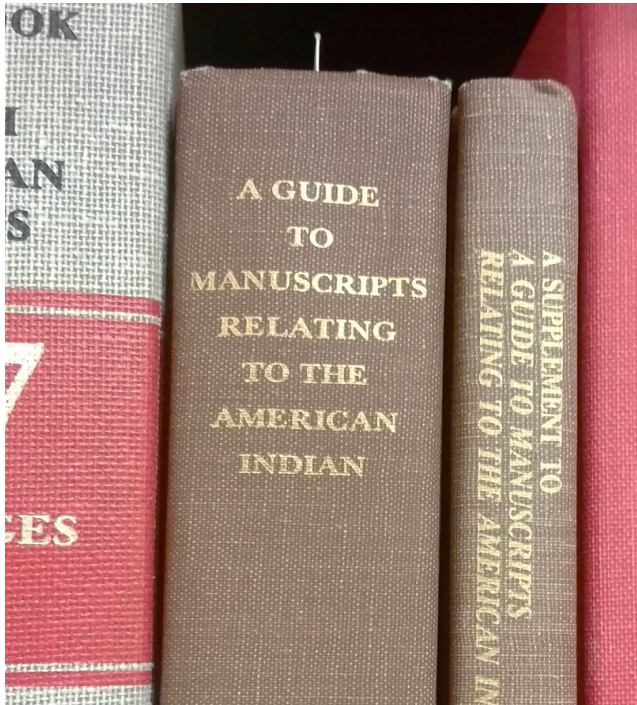
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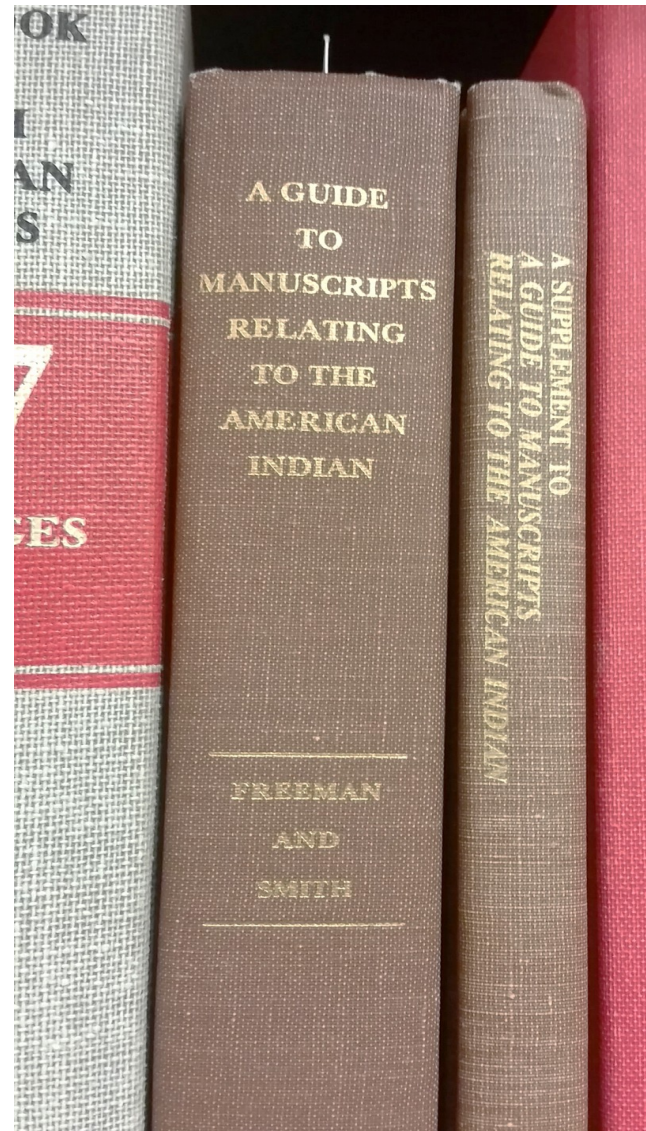
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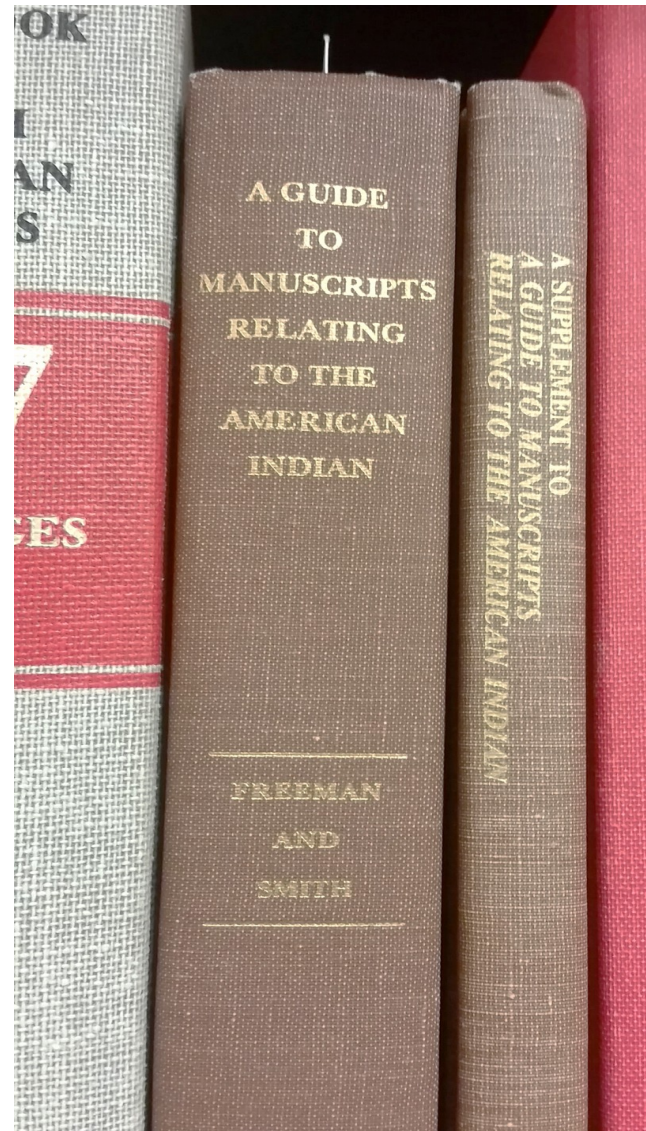
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- Subjects limited to few academic fields, and nothing else
  - e.g. archaeology, ethnography, history, linguistics, miscellaneous, physical anthropology



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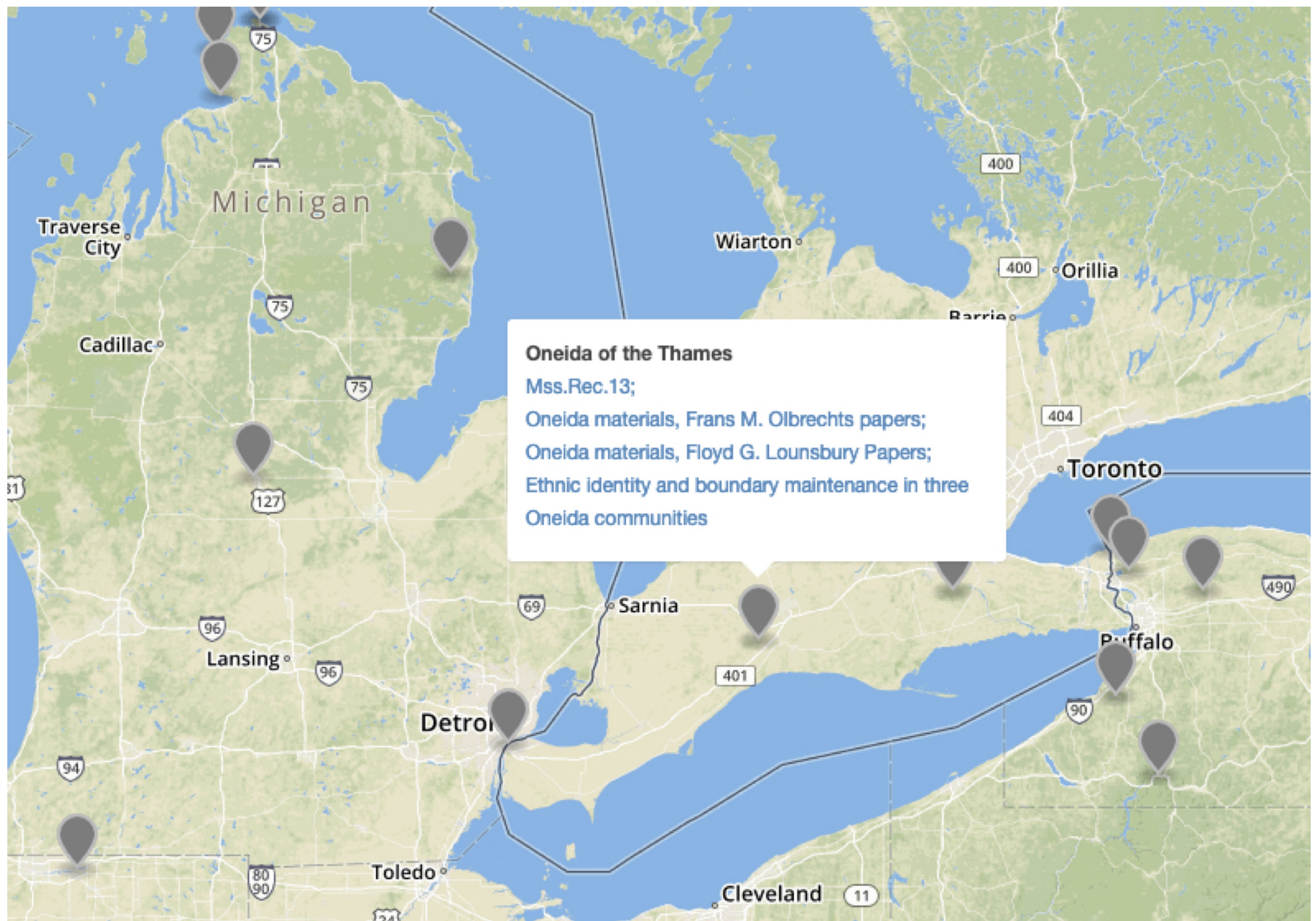


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1.           **Title:** **Oneida materials, Frans M. Olbrechts papers**  
              **Culture:** **Haudenosaunee | Oneida**  
              **Alternate** Iroquois  
              **Forms:**  
              **Language:** **English | Oneida**  
              **Date:** 1929-1930  
              **Contributor(s):** **Olbrechts, Frans M., 1899-1958**  
              **Subject:** **Linguistics | New York (State)--History | Religion**  
              **Type:** **Text**  
              **Genre:** **Notebooks | Stories | Vocabularies**  
              **Extent:** 87 pages, 8 cards  
              **Description:** The Oneida materials in the Frans Olbrechts Papers consist of 3 items. Two items are found in Series I: "6: Comparative relative pronouns," a notebook containing word comparison tables with other Iroquoian languages; "8-A [and 8-B]: Oneida notebook," which includes 3 texts in Oneida, 2 with interlinear English translation. In Series II, see "9: Field notes, Tuscarora trip," which includes card slips with names of Mohawk, Tuscarora, Onondaga (at Ohsweken), Seneca, Wyandot, and Oneida consultants.  
              **Collection:** Frans M. Olbrechts papers (Mss.497.3.OL2)  
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## B

- [Babine-Witsuwit'en](#)
- [Bakairi](#)
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- [Beothuk](#)

Results: 1 Item

### Culture

- [Muscogee](#) (1)
- [Seminole](#) (1)
- [Yuchi](#) (1)

### Language

- [English](#) (1)
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- [Ball, Carl](#) (1)
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- Title:** [Muscogee \(Creek\) materials, Frank G. Speck Papers](#) [Add](#)

**Culture:** [Muscogee](#) | [Seminole](#) | [Yuchi](#)

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**Language:** [English](#) | [Muscogee](#) | [Yuchi](#)

**Date:** 1904-1947

**Contributor(s):** [Speck, Frank G. \(Frank Gouldsmith\), 1881-1950](#) | [Gamio, Manuel, 1883-1960](#) | [Giger, Leona E.](#) | [Opler, Morris Edward, 1907-1996](#) | [Rolland, Ann](#) | [Ball, Carl](#) | [Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958](#) | [Schultes, Richard Evans](#) | [McNickle, D'Arcy, 1904-1977](#)

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**Type:** [Text](#) | [Three-dimensional object](#)

**Genre:** [Correspondence](#) | [Notes](#) | [Drafts](#) | [Essays](#) | [Notebooks](#) | [Sheet music](#)

**Extent:** 14 folders

**Description:** Materials relating to Speck's study of Creek history, language, and culture. Includes Speck's own notes and work, including "Notes on Social



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- [A'wa'etlala](#) (2)
- [Abenaki](#) (24)
- [Abipon](#) (1)
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#### Language

- [Abenaki, Eastern](#) (24)
- [Abenaki, Western](#) (12)
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- [Achumawi](#) (7)
- [Ahtna](#) (6)

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#### Creator

- [Abadie, Eugene Hilarian](#) (1)
- [Abbey, Aron](#) (2)
- [Abbot, Griffith](#)

- Title:** Nottoway materials, American Society Archives

**Culture:** [Nottoway](#) | [Onondaga](#) | [Mohaw](#) | [Haudenosaunee](#) | [Sioux](#) | [Huron](#)

**Alternate Forms:** Iroquois

**Language:** [English](#) | [French](#)

**Date:** 1820-1821

**Contributor(s):** [Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen, 17](#)

**Subject:** [Linguistics](#) | [Iroquoian languages](#) | [Siouan languages](#)

**Type:** Text

**Genre:** Correspondence

**Extent:** 5 items

**Description:** Correspondence of Peter S. du Ponceau regarding the Nottoway language. Includes three letters to Thomas Jeffers (1820) regarding Nottoway as Iroquoian language. Includes Onondaga and Mohawk, Nottoway, Huron, Heckewelder's letter on Delaware (#1153), Carver's Na

Faceted search by controlled vocabularies:

- Culture
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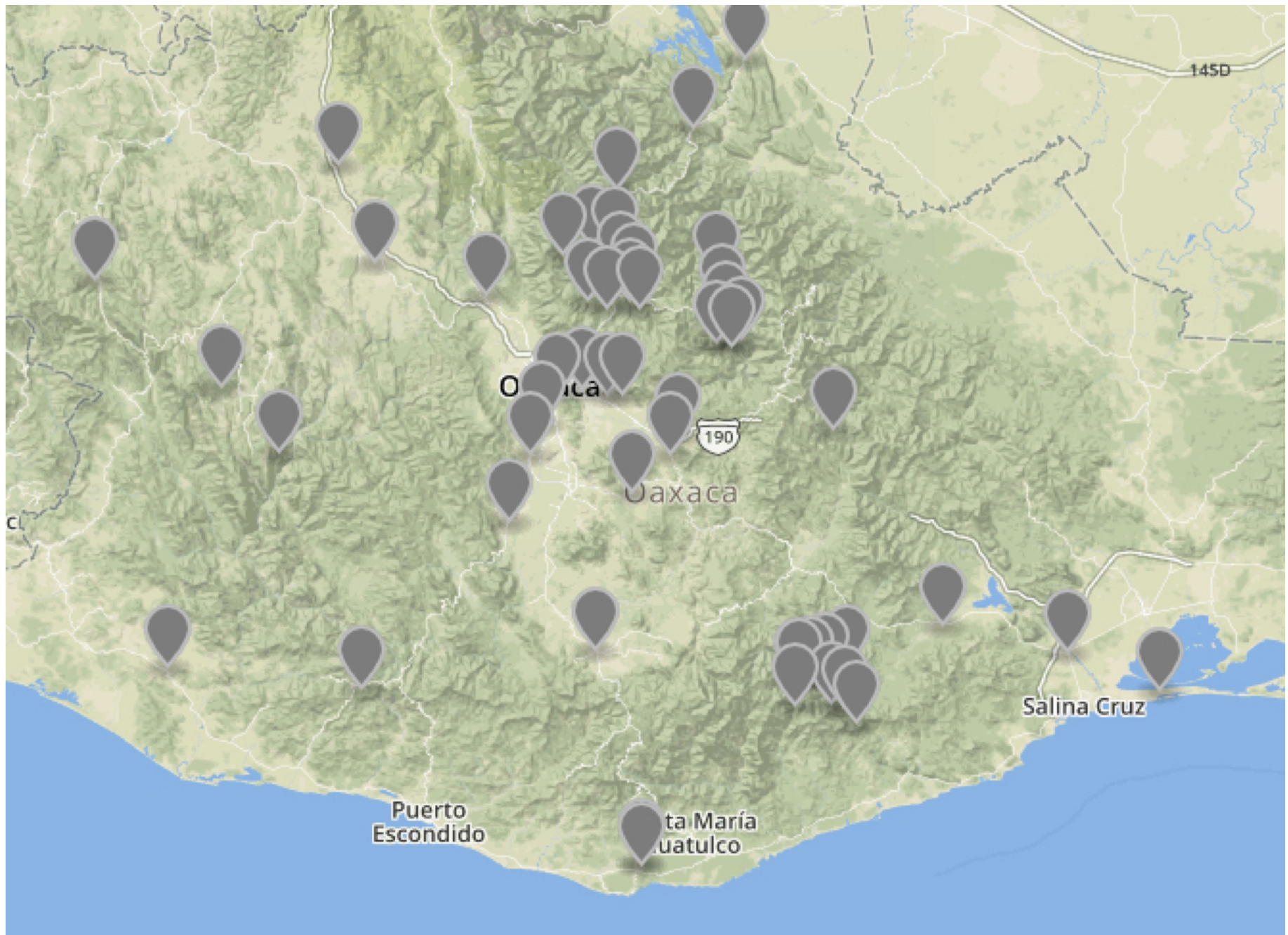
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- Personal names including Indigenous authorship

4067a. HOIJER, HARRY, coll. Loucheux recordings; n.d. 4 reels of tape.

Words and brief phrases given in response to English.



55.           **Title:** Loucheux Recordings  
              **Culture:** Gwich'in  
              **Alternate** Kutchin | Loucheux  
              **Forms:**  
              **Language:** English | Gwich'in  
              **Date:** 1964  
              **Contributor(s):** Albert, Christine | Hoijer, Harry, 1904-1976  
              **Subject:** Linguistics | Yukon--History  
              **Type:** Sound recording  
              **Genre:** Elicitation sessions | Vocabularies  
              **Extent:** 4 sound tape reels (3 hr., 34 min.)  
              **Description:** Linguistic field recordings of Gwich'in or Loucheux language.  
                              Elicitation of a numbered list of words and phrases.  
                              Recorded by Harry Hoijer with consultant Christine Albert in  
                              Edmonton, Alberta on July 29-30, 1964.  
              **Collection:** Loucheux Recordings (Mss.Rec.149)

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- More relevant, broader range of subject categories

9.           **Title:** Larry Aitken audio recordings  
             **Culture:** [Anishinaabe](#) | [Ojibwe](#)  
             **Alternate Forms:** Chippewa | Ojibwa | Ojibway  
             **Language:** [Chippewa](#) | [English](#)  
             **Date:** 1980-1990  
             **Contributor(s):** [Aitken, Larry](#) | [Jackson, Jim](#)  
             **Subject:** [Folklore](#) | [Health](#) | [Minnesota--History](#) | [Psychology](#) | [Rites and ceremonies](#) | [Social life and customs](#)  
             **Type:** [Sound recording](#)  
             **Genre:** [Interviews](#) | [Speeches](#) | [Stories](#)  
             **Extent:** 27 audiocassettes (21 hr., 27 min.)  
             **Description:** This collection consists of audio recordings of Larry Aitken (Bezhighoogahbow), a distinguished Ojibwe elder, teacher, and traditional knowledge keeper of Leech Lake, Minnesota. The recordings include numerous public speeches, classroom lectures and discussions, and interviews on Anishinaabe spiritual teachings, health, psychology, cultural strength, history, and language. A number of recordings were made with Aitken's teacher, Jim Jackson, a medicine man and traditional knowledge keeper with whom Aitken worked for 17 years.  
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